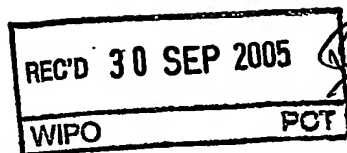


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1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary report on patentability and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
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4. **REMINDER**

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The applicant's attention is drawn to Article 33(5), which provides that the criteria of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability described in Article 33(2) to (4) merely serve the purposes of international preliminary examination and that "any Contracting State may apply additional or different criteria for the purposes of deciding whether, in that State, the claimed invention is patentable or not" (see also Article 27(5)). Such additional criteria may relate, for example, to exemptions from patentability, requirements for enabling disclosure, clarity and support for the claims.

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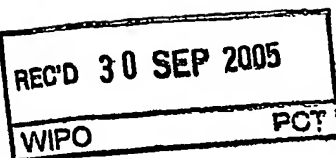
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/US04/32851

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- ☐ the international application in the language in which it was filed.
- ☐ a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
pages 1-10 as originally filed/furnished
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
pages 11-15 as originally filed/furnished
pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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- ☒ the drawings:
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☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
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* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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PCT/US04/32851**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-4, 6</u>	YES
	Claims <u>5, 7-32</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-32</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-32</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-4 and 6 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Porter et al. or Jones et al. or EP 0925723. Either one of the patents teaches animal feeds with oilseed based animal. The product contains about 55% wt protein. Applicant has chosen to claim the product in terms of its characteristics, and because the Office is not equipped to manufacture and compare prior art products, the burden is being shifted to applicant to show that the product is different by presenting evidence that establishes that the reference product has a different aglycone content than the one claimed.

Claims 1-32 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over JP 81039176 and Itoh et al. in view of Takebe et al., Sekiya, Gazave and Bickoff et al. and further in view of Kalmbach and Harris et al.

Jp '176 and Itoh et al. teach the use of soybean germ into animal feed. It is known in the art that the soybean germ contains 2% isoflavone, which is ten times what the endosperm contains. The patents do not teach combining this with soybean meal.

The patents Tekebe et al., Sekiya, Gazave and Bickoff et al. all teach the use of isoflavones being beneficial in animal feeds. Each patent describes the benefits. In '754, see claim 1. In '906, see lines 55-60 at col. 1 and col. 2, lines 50-55. In '116, see col. 1. In '632 see lines 15-30 at col. 1.

Kalmbach and Harris et al. are applied here to show conventional feeds and their contents, used for animals, that include soybean meal. See cols. 2 and 3 in '038 and, col. 5, in 803, respectively. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine soybean germ with the conventional ingredients in animal feeds, for the benefits shown for isoflavones in soybean germ, particularly when Takebe et al, Sekiya, Gazave and Bickoff et al. all teach the benefits of isoflavones in animal feeds. To optimize or determine amounts of aglycone and isoflavone concentrations would have been within routine skill given the state of the art.

Claims 1-32 the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus meet industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.